Withdrawal of security of VIPs

347. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security cover for some of the VIPs and their relations has recently been reduced or withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the basis on which such reduction/withdrawal has been effected; and

(c) which categories of VIPs are still provided security cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO:) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The security of the protected persons is reviewed regularly in consultation with the security agencies. Based on the threat perception assessed by the security agencies, security to a threatened person is determined. Accordingly, security of prtoected persons is periodically reviewed leading to upgradation, downgradation or withdrawal of security depending on the current level of threat perception.

Security is being provided to 2 types of protectees. Firstly, positional security is provided to some persons by virtue of the position they are holding at the relevant time *e.g.* Union Ministers, Judges of Supreme Court etc. Secondly, security is provided on the basis of threat perception assessed by the central security agencies.

Ban on SIMI

348. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Governemnt have banned the functioning of SIMI in the country;